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C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 1002

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SUBJECT:PRG LIAISON OFFICE IN GENEVA: NON-HUMANITARIAN
ACTIVITIES

REF: (A) STATE 033656; (B) USUN 465; (C) GENEVA 818;
(D) GENEVA 597; (E) BERN 412; (F) STATE 18055;
(G) SAIGON 1682

1. CONSIDERING THAT CLOSE COORDINATION WITH SVN
MISSION DESIRABLE IN ORCHESTRATING PROPOSED DEMARCHES
TO SWISS AND/OR UN ON PRG PRESS CONFERENCE,MISSION
RECOMMENDS THAT FINAL DECISION BE DELAYED UNTIL
IT POSSIBLE DISCUSS MATTER WITH SVN AMBASSADOR
VAN LOI WHO WILL BE AVAILABLE AT EARLIEST FEBRUARY 15.
SVN MISSOFF CONFIRMED FEBRUARY 13 HE PRPARING
DEMARCHE TO WINSPEARE BUT WAS NOT THEN AWARE EXISTENCE
INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPROACH TO BE MADE AT BERN
(REFTEL G).

2. MEANWHILE MISSSION SUBMITTING FOLLOWING COMMENTS
IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RAISED REFTEL (A).

3. PHAM VAN BA PRESS CONFERENCES HELD NOON
FEBRUARY 7 AT PRG "LIAISON" OFFICES LOCATED
IN APRTMENT BUILDING 34 RUE FRANCOIS LEHMAN,
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GRANT SACONNEX, GENEVA.

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4. MOST OF THOSE ATTENDING EITHER HEARD OF HASTILY-CALLED PRESS CONFERENCE FROM COLLEAGUES OR SAW TYPED ANNOUNCEMENT (WITHOUT LETTERHEAD) TACKED ANANYMOUSLY ON BULLETIN BOARD IN US PRESS ROOM AT PALAIS,WHICH COMMONLY USED BY PRESS AND OTHERS FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS THOUGHT TO BE OF INTEREST TO JOURNALISTS.

5. USIS ATTENDED CONFERENCE AND REPORTS THAT IT NOT EXPLICITLY STATED IN WHAT CAPACITY PHAM WAS SPEAKING. ALL LEFT MEETING WITH IMPRESSION THAT CONFERENCE HAD BEEN CALLED SOLELY TO PUT ON PUBLIC RECORD PRG REACTION TO DEFEAT IN BID ATTEND LOW CONFERENCE.DALE

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